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In re the Application of:

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on December 8, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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